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Mrs. Tina Hills
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Dear Mrs. Hills:

I was so pleased to hear of your honor in receiving the Americas Foundation Award - it's always heartening to see good people and works rewarded!

I understand your Annual Meeting was a stimulating and successful one. Mark emphasized his appreciation for your kind words following his intervention and he also expressed his hope that we can follow up with a closer support for the activities of IAPA's Freedom of the Press Committee. I would certainly endorse such cooperation.

I congratulate you on your award and please be assured of my support for your continued efforts to promote freedom of the press in the hemisphere.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Derian
Assistant Secretary for Human Rights
and Humanitarian Affairs